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REMARKS

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1. After 22 May 1952, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse, Brandenburg (N 53/2 23), was more heavily occupied than before. There was intensive traffic, including that of caterpillar tractors, in the barracks yard. On 26 May, trucks and 4 caterpillar tractors occupied by eight men each and towing guns of about 152-mm and 3 other caterpillar tractors towing canvas-covered guns entered the installation. Soldiers were engaged in maintenance duty on motor vehicles in the barracks yard on 29 May. Maintenance duty was also done on six guns with very short barrels on 30 May. Between 26 and 29 May 1952, 6 or 8 caterpillar tractors were daily seen leaving the installation, towing artillery pieces with barrels of about 1.5 meters and a caliber larger than was previously observed. Motor vehicles coming from, or going to, the barracks installation

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2. On 2 June, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was occupied only by a rear detail. There was no vehicular traffic and no training activity.

3. On 21 May, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse quartered not less than 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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4. On 21 May, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse quartered only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 21 May, the Infanterie Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was vacant. No vehicles or soldiers were seen.

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25X1A * [] Comment. Except for the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, the present report confirms the picture on the occupation in Brandenburg as it had been since the beginning of May 1952. []

25X1 [] the abovementioned installation was only partly occupied at the beginning of May 1952 while, according to the present report, it had been more heavily occupied since 22 May 1952. Elements of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig (US) presumably returned to the installation by road, possibly from Altengrabow. Guns similar to those described [] as having been loaded there and having had a caliber greater than 200-mm were also reported from this installation. []

25X1 The observation of guns with a short barrel which has hitherto not been seen with the guns in the Soviet Zone of Germany and which could only be compared to the barrel of a heavy trench mortar dating back to World War I, is of interest. It is possible that the piece is a new rocket weapon.

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